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David Martinez and Kambree Kimbrough were crowned Basketball King and Queen Tuesday night at the 2021 Basketball Senior Recognition Night ceremony. Complete coverage of the event can be found on page 6.

## Salinas selected to coaches all-state team

Friona High School senior Juan Diego Salinas was selected as a member of the Padilla Poll Coaches 2020 All-State Team for Class 3A, Division II. Juan was honored as a 1st Team All-State defensive back. The Chieftain standout was the leading tackler for the team with a total of 107, of which 44 were unassisted. Friona's #8 also had three interceptions and a fumble recovery.



Juan Salinas

National Guard and Texas High School Coaches Association.

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## Depot receives needed repairs

By Jeri Lynn White

Without the usual functions in the city park, it would be easy to miss the exciting improvements happening at the Depot. Hopefully by summer or early fall, community activities will resume and everyone can again enjoy and appreciate the new renovations at the historical building.

The Depot was first moved and restored in 1985. Around 2015, the windows were replaced and new trim was added. However, age and weather have taken their toll. So once again improvements are needed. Over the last sev-

eral weeks, a new door has been added as well as repairing and painting the ceiling, walls, and window trim inside. Soon the wood floors will be refurbished as well. Following these indoor repairs, as we move into spring and the weather improves, rotting trim will be replaced and the outside will get a much needed paint job.

Over the years the Depot has held many events including fundraising teas and special guest speakers. More recently the Depot is used during Maize Days for quilt or

photography shows, during Christmas in the park, and to hold meetings from our state and federal leaders.

This year due to COVID concerns, the annual meeting of the Friona Heritage Society will not take place. Rather, the organization would like to update the public with the renovation information and a current financial statement. As of January 1, 2021, the checking account holds \$1,538.74 and a CD worth \$2,418.89. These funds will be used to support the renovation efforts and the ongoing upkeep of the Depot.



Johnny Alvarez, and crew, have been refurbishing the Depot the past few weeks. Birds had found their way in but could not get out and therefore caused quite a bit a damage. The outside of the Depot will also get a facelift as soon as the inside repairs are finished and warmer weather arrives. Courtesy photo. If you would like to make a donation to help with repairs you can contact Jeri Lynn White.



Miss Friona contestants (l-r) Kambree Kimbrough, Esperanza Santiago, Anahi Gonzalez, Rebecca Schlenker, and Emma Schueler are preparing for the Miss Friona Pageant which will be broadcast from Milk House Market at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9th via a live feed from the Friona Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. See more details on page 10.

## Davila Accepted into Certified Public Manager Program

City Manager Lee Davila has been accepted into Texas Tech's Certified Public Manager (CPM) program. The CPM program focuses on practical management skills, taught primarily through example and group exercises. The program draws on local and national faculty resources for training. The entire program consists of 21 total sessions spread over a year's period. In addition, a final written project designed to tie together the principal elements of the training is required.

The program is administered by the Center for Public Service at Texas Tech University. Upon successful completion of the CPM program, participants are entitled to use nationally recognized Certified Public Manager designation in recognition of their achievement and are eligible to become Fellows of the American Academy of Certified Public Managers. A statewide graduation ceremony is also held in Austin.



## Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of February 2, 2021



Confirmed Cases  
**813**

Probable Cases  
**328**

Fatalities  
**34**

Active Cases  
**27**

Recoveries  
**1080**



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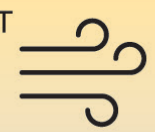






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Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear | Tested 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Friona Weather February 4-10	T  49   24 N 20-30	F  57   31 WNW 10-15	S  56   31 N 10-20	S  64   25 WSW 15-25	M  54   20 ESE 10-15	T  52   15 SE 10-20	W  41   15 ENE 10-15	Precipitation February 0.00 Year 0.33	Burn Ban <b>Yes</b>
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**Community Calendar**

Send Calendar information to: [frionastar@wtrt.net](mailto:frionastar@wtrt.net)  
call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

**February 12**

- Deadline at 5 p.m. for candidates to file for May 1st election

**February 14**

- Valentine's Day

**February 15**

- President's Day
- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

**February 16**

- Snack Pak for Kids at Friona United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (volunteers welcome)

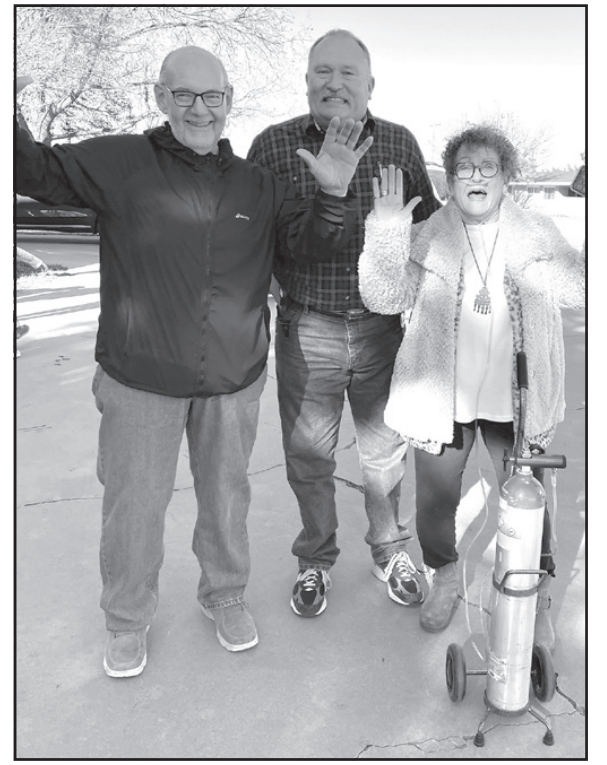
**February 17**

- Ash Wednesday

**February 18**

- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

**Wash your hands  
Stay 6 feet away  
Wear your mask  
Stay at home if sick**



Bruce and Jo Beth Gipson enjoyed an eventful farewell party last Sunday. Sheriff Randy Gerries made an "honorary arrest" (upper right) and Santa Claus made a drive-by delivery (right). John and Kathryn Gurley hosted the event and Sherry Alger took the photos. Best Wishes to Bruce & Jo Beth.



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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "\_\_\_ hombre" (mean)
- lawn implement
- TXism: "stuffed shirt"
- TXism: "It'll \_\_\_ in a pinch"
- TX Coburn won 1978 Pulitzer for "The \_\_\_ Game"
- this Mickey hit first Astrodome homer
- Mavericks zealots
- TX "Operation Game Thief" targets
- TX "Babe's" status as an Olympian
- Texas among the states
- rifle failure
- TEA tries to lower the dropout \_\_\_
- teeth corrections for TX teens
- not finished
- TXism: "smart \_\_\_ full of owls"
- TXism: "got a mind \_\_\_" (inclined)
- LBJ proposed on the \_\_\_ with Lady Bird
- Hawaiian two-step?
- Biblical transport
- tropical tune by TX Jim Reeves
- former Houston oil fire business: "Red \_\_\_"
- Crowell H.S. class
- TX Toomay's "\_\_\_ Given Sunday"
- it can be proper

**DOWN**

- in Smith County on highway 135
- TXism: "beer shed"
- TXism: "happy as \_\_\_ candy store"
- political protests
- TXism: "that's the ball \_\_\_" (over)
- TXism: "don't bite off \_\_\_ chew"
- Ozona H.S. class
- former TX First Lady Connally (init.)
- TXism: "if it ain't true, \_\_\_ liar in Texas"
- mother-in-law of 11-down
- Rangers sports-caster Nadel
- TXism: "I \_\_\_ like death warmed over"
- Staubach's military branch
- former country network
- TXism: "\_\_\_ baby's bottom"
- TXism: "take the \_\_\_" (quit drinking)
- TXism: "fits like sardines in \_\_\_"
- discoverer of the East TX oil field: C.M. "\_\_\_" Joiner
- TXism: "\_\_\_ horse town"
- TXism: "suits me to a \_\_\_-well"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ pencil to it" (calculate)
- cowboy hat brand
- "\_\_\_ on down the road"
- TX Vikki Carr 1989 release: "\_\_\_ Hombres"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ chacha" (girl)
- treaty that led to destruction of TX missiles
- former missile defense prog.
- in Goliad: Presidio La Bahia (\_\_\_ the Bay)
- Dallas founder John Neely Bryan died in the State \_\_\_ Asylum
- \_\_\_ Karolyi trained gymnasts in Houston
- a TX Gatlin brother make a phone call
- TXism: "up and \_\_\_ 'em juice" (coffee)
- across the border from Del Rio: Ciudad \_\_\_
- TX Ely, et al.
- film "Viet \_\_\_, Texas"
- guacamole source
- George H.W. supported the North American Free \_\_\_ Agreement
- TXism: "couldn't find an egg under a sitting \_\_\_" (stupid)

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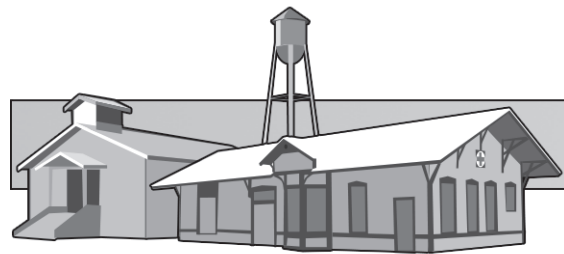
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# TOWN TALK

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The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary announced this week that their 2020 Project Christmas Card collected \$2,867.78 in donations. The proceeds will be used to enhance and upgrade the "COVID-19 Wing" at the hospital.

of marriage on Friday, February 12th. Congratulations!!!

Happy 21st Anniversary to Wayne and Tammy Odell. They will celebrate 21 years

The Prairie Acres "Resident of Month" for February is Walter Glass. The February "Employee of the Month" is Elvira Carrasco. Elvira works at Friona Heritage Estates and has been there since December of 2019. Congratulations to both!

Senior Citizens lunches will restart on Monday, February 15th. Meals are served on Monday and Thursday of each week. Please call Susie at 806-626-8602 or 250-2713 a day or so in advance so she will know how many to cook for. Curbside pick-up is available. Masks are recommended but not mandatory except around the food center.

There are changes for our local radio station. KGRW 94.7 is now "Positive Radio" and is a simulcast with their sister station KNNK 100.5 in Hereford. They will continue to cover Friona sports events. Catch "Good Morning Texas" Monday-Friday with host Jeri Wells to stay updated on local events. Both radio stations are part of the HPRN radio network.

- National Days**
- February 4: Thank a Mail Carrier Day
  - February 5: Wear Red Day
  - February 6: Frozen Yogurt Day
  - February 7: Periodic Table Day
  - February 8: Clean Out Your Computer Day
  - February 9: Pizza Day
  - February 10: Umbrella Day

## Weather Highlights

January 2021

- Warmest high temperature: 66° on the 22nd
- Coollest high temperature: 31° on the 11th
- Warmest low temperature: 33° on the 19th
- Coollest low temperature: 11° on the 1st
- Precipitation total: 0.33 inches
- Days with precipitation: 3
- Snow total: 2.5 inches
- Most snow in a day: 2 inches on the 10th

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:  
*Randy Gerles, Sheriff*

- (1/26/21) Tuisenge Belitele, 23, of Amarillo was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Failing to ID and Resisting Arrest, pending County Court.
- (1/27/21) Robyn Kincaid, 35, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz, Fine, Court Cost, and 180 days in jail; and DWLI, Fine, Court Cost, and 180 days in jail.
- (1/27/21) Alberto Ponce Flores, 31, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz), pending County Court.
- (1/29/21) Arturo Rodriguez, 30, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Assault w/previous, pending Grand Jury.
- (1/30/21) Hipolito Dominguez, 31, of Hereford was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's office on a charge of DWLI w/previous, pending County Court.
- (1/30/21) Rogelio Palacios, 48, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS Pg 1 < 1 g in Drug Free Zone, pending Grand Jury.
- (1/31/21) Juan Guerrero, 45, of Haltom City, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of DWI (2nd), pending County Court.

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

*Susie Spring, County Clerk*

### Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from January 21, 2020 to January 28, 2021

- (1/21/21) Julian Cereceres III, Omelas Estefany Rodriguez — Patricia Yanez, Gabriel Villarreal — A 7.61 Ac Tract of Parcel in the SW Quarter of Sec 12 Township 6 S R 3 E of a Capitol Syndicate in Parmer County and Plat thereof of record in Vol 3 Pg 558 a 7.61 Ac in Parmer County
- (1/21/21) Tonya Kaye Berndt, Tonya Kaye Schwertner — Kristopher Mark Schwertner — All of Garden Lots 9, 10, 15, and 16 being the SE 1/4 of Sec 8 Township 16 S R 1 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County, All of garden Lots 1, 2, 7, and 8A Township 16 S R 1 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv and All of garden L 9, 10, 15, and 16 of Sec 5 Township 16 S R 1 E Capitol Subdiv in Parmer County
- (1/21/21) Tonya Kaye Berndt, Tonya Schwertner — Kris Schwertner — A Tract of Land in the SE 1/4 of Sec 21 T9S R1E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County
- (1/22/21) Javier Arpero — Manuel Humberto Alvidrez, Ramona Munoz Alvidrez — A Tract of Land in the S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec 19 T4S R4E in Parmer County
- (1/22/21) Javier Arpero — Jose Luis Castandeda, Maximina Munoz Alvidrez — A Tract of Land in the S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec 19 T4S R4E in Parmer County
- (1/25/21) Amelia Soltero, Epifanio Soltero — Juana Gabriel Ralios, Mateo Gutierrez Perez — All of L 2 of Blk 5 of Drake Revised Subdiv in addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County
- (1/25/21) Joe Schilling — Jason Schilling, Tamara Schilling, Eunice Schilling, Schilling Living Trust — All of the E/2 of Sec 19 Township 11 S R 3 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County
- (1/27/21) Andres Bermea, Noeomi Juana Bermea — Alfredo Bermea Sr — Lots 21-24 Blk 40 Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

**Puzzle Solution**

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Thursday is "Thank a Mail Carrier Day" and the Friona Star would like to thank our local "Pony Express". Friona mail carriers are; Joann McDonald, Dee Sifuentes, Jan Box, Jeremy Hart, and Vickie Vasquez. The motto of the Pony Express riders, who were the most famous early American mailmen, was "Neither rain, or snow, nor death of night, can keep us from our duty." The most popular variation of this motto is "Through rain or snow, or sleet or hail, we'll carry the mail. We will not fail."

National Wear Red Day, on Tuesday, February 5th, is an annual campaign to raise awareness about heart disease in women. Heart disease and strokes kill one in three women. These diseases are 80 percent preventable according to Go Red for Women's official website. Go to www.goredforwomen.org for more information.

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**GROUND-BROKEN...Participating in the groundbreaking for the new High Plains Dairy last Saturday were (l-r) parents of the owner, Mr. and Mrs. De-Wit of The Netherlands, Harry and Margret DeWit, the owners, with children, Ryan and Jake doing their part, Bill Stovell, Robert Neelley and County Judge Bonnie Clayton. Photo by Carol Ellis. (Friona Star, Friday, February 1, 2002)**

We're going to make a Chinese... ...dinner and try many new dishes. Kids: color stuff in!

## Newspaper Fun!

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### Year of the Ox Chinese New Year Celebration

The Chinese New Year celebration begins with New Year's Day and lasts for 15 days, ending with the Lantern Festival. The Chinese Calendar has a 12-year cycle with an animal representing each year. This year it is the ox. Each day of this festival has its own traditional customs and events, and more modern ones too, depending upon where people live. Join in the fun - make decorations or a dinner to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

**Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:**

- This year, is the Year of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The ox is the second animal in the Chinese \_\_\_\_\_.
- In one story, the ox didn't follow the \_\_\_\_\_ Emperor's instructions. He was punished by being forced to help farmers on the Earth. But, the people loved the hard-working ox.
- People born in the Year of the Ox are said to be \_\_\_\_\_, hardworking, and active.
- Their careful planning and strength help to make them great \_\_\_\_\_ or carpenters.
- The ox has a hard time talking to people and can be \_\_\_\_\_ and set in their ways.
- An ox can be friends with a \_\_\_\_\_ or a "rooster," but won't get along with a "dragon" or a "tiger".
- The ox's \_\_\_\_\_ numbers are 1, 4 and 9. But, watch out for 5 and 6 - they're unlucky!
- An ox should wear - and decorate with - white, yellow, green or red \_\_\_\_\_. They can bring good luck.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a popular food in China. More beef is being eaten than ever before, but still not as much as pork. Beef is very expensive.
- Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ has a character called Gozu, an ox-headed creature, similar to the famous minotaur from Greek mythology.
- The ancient art of paper \_\_\_\_\_ - shaping red paper into an ox or other Zodiac animals - is a popular activity during the New Year.
- People wear red \_\_\_\_\_ necklaces and bracelets for good luck; in the year of the Ox, a small metal ox will be dangling from jewelry.
- Temple \_\_\_\_\_ are events where people pray, eat, dance and buy crafts. This is all to honor the Zodiac, the gods and the New Year.

The person born in the year of the ox may wish to wear special colors. Can you match the colors to what they stand for?

**Lucky Colors for an "Ox"**

- White
- Yellow
- Green
- Red
- Black

- river of flowing water (news will flow or move fast)
- spring, trees, being creative, jade jewelry is good
- may bring fame, power, royalty, prosperity
- powerful color for luck, success and good fortune
- metal, purity, innocence, death

**Festivals, Food and Fun**

The Chinese New Year is the longest holiday in China. Family, friends, fireworks and lots of fun - like stiltwalkers above the crowds - are all part of the festivities of the holiday. **Can you find and circle all these things that are important to families during this holiday?**

**Good Wishes and Gifts**

What gift is given for the New Year in little red packets or envelopes? It is called **Tao Hongbao** or **Lai See** and is given for good luck. **Use the color key to see what it is:**

Y = Yellow  
R = Red

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# State sales tax revenue totaled \$3.1 billion in January

On Monday, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.07 billion in January, 0.3 percent less than in January 2020. The majority of January sales tax revenue is based on sales made in December and remitted to the agency in January.

"The slight decline in total sales tax revenue masks starkly contrasting results among economic sectors, with strong gains in collections from retail trade offset by continued deep declines in collections from recreational services and the oil- and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "Stay-at-home spending trends that emerged in response to the COVID-19 pandemic continued through the Christmas shopping season, with elevated receipts coming from online vendors, electronics and appliance stores, building materials and home furnish-

ings stores, big box general merchandisers and sporting goods stores.

"While oil and gas well drilling activity has risen from lows reached earlier in the pandemic, the December active rotary rig count for Texas was still more than 60 percent lower than a year ago, depressing sales tax receipts from mining, construction, manufacturing and equipment rental and leasing businesses.

"Receipts from restaurants also remained below levels seen a year ago, while receipts from recreational services — such as live music venues, amusement parks, bowling centers and fitness clubs — remained severely depressed."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2021 was down 3.9 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest

source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to be evident in some sources of revenue in January 2021.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$408 million, down 13.4 percent from January 2020; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$294 million, down 4.7 percent from January 2020; (3) oil production tax — \$255 million, down 35.7 percent from January 2020; (4) natural gas production tax — \$103 million, down 21.6 percent from January 2020; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$27 million, down 35.1 percent from January 2020; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$94 million, down 27.6 percent from January 2020.

## Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

### Feb. 4

Casey Carr  
J.T. Heyden  
Keeley Dunnam  
Sherri Whitten  
Roger Gee

### Feb. 8

Nancy Roden  
Micah London  
Sandra Rainey  
Roger Almonrode  
Erica Boeckman  
Taryn Banfield

### Feb. 5

Margret DeWit  
Monica Bermea  
Jena (Grimsley) Massie  
Kevin Sifford  
Otto Alexander

### Feb. 9

Diane White  
Joel Osborn  
Renae Barnett  
Randa Copley  
Vanette (White) Barnett

### Feb. 6

Leander Davila  
Sandra Gonzalez  
Robyn Rhoades  
Jarrett Butler

### Feb. 10

Hayes Jones  
Cindy Mitchell

### Feb. 7

Jeff Stowers  
Linda Malouf  
Wade Hinkle  
Nathan Haile  
Rhylee Levins  
Rumalda Ruzicka



To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to [frionastar@wtrt.net](mailto:frionastar@wtrt.net) or call @806.250.2211

## Snack Pak Rolls On



The Friona Snack Pak Team is: (l-r) Sharon White, Connie Jimenez, Felicia Cillie, Debbie Wium, Angelica Marquez, Delinda Wium, Loy McLellan, Jo Beth Gipson, Madelyn Wium, Elizabeth McClellan. Other team members not in photo are Anita Lafuente and Linda Smith.

Friona Feed Yard delivers the packaged snacks to the Primary, Elementary, and Ju-

nior High schools. When large shipments of supplies arrive from Snack Pak headquarters, Coach Jimmy Arias brings over volunteers to help move the heavy boxes.

Debbie Wium and Sharon White are the new coordinators for Friona. The team meets every other Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. at the north end of the Friona United Methodist Church.

Visit the website at [SP4K.org](http://SP4K.org)

if you wish to make a donation. Make sure to check specific school/community box and type in Friona as the place to send the donation.



## Thank You

You have showered us with God's love and we have been blessed. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." 1 Corinthians 16:23

The Family of Robert Neelley

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# LARGE AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 – SALE TIME 9:30 AM  
LOCATED: FROM FRIONA, TEXAS: 3 MILES SOUTH ON HIGHWAY. 214

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NOTE: TO CONSIGN PLEASE CALL FIRST. NO SMALL ITEMS.  
WE WILL BE RUNNING 2 RINGS STARTING AT 9:30 AM

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ULE TRUCKS, AIR COMPRESSOR, COMPOST & MANURE SPREADERS, TRUCKS, TRAILERS, FUEL TANKS, FARM EQUIPMENT, SPRAY EQUIPMENT, NURSE TRAILERS, PICKUPS, ANTIQUE CARS, UTV'S, ATV'S, TRAV

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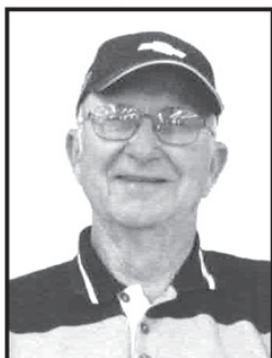
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# Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

“Dr. Livingstone, I presume,” were the famous words Henry Stanley uttered in 1871 when he was able to finally locate African explorer, David Livingstone after a long, perilous journey into the interior of the African continent. At 59 years of age, Livingstone’s determination to find a water passage to the interior of Africa for trade, Christian missions and to end the slave trade caused him to explore thousands of miles of unmapped territory, discover Victoria Falls, survive a lion attack, and bouts with malaria. In spite of the countless difficulties and disappoint-

ments he faced, his life was one of peril, persistence and perseverance for God and country, that garnered Livingstone with national fame because of his explorations, and very precise maps of unexplored portions of Africa.

“David Livingstone: Africa’s Trailblazer,” by Janet and Geoff Bengie is a fast moving, exciting and well written account of this missionary explorer’s life. His life began in Scotland, and as a child he worked 14 hour days, six days a week in a cotton mill, as well as studying intently outside of work to become educated. His grit and determination

were something the Lord used all through David’s life to carry the gospel to African tribes and map unexplored areas. His life is a reminder of Colossians 1:29, which says, “For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.” God’s call on your life takes hard, strenuous effort and work, not for him, but with him as he works through you. The reality is that following Christ is not always easy, but it is always worth it, in this life and in the next. Therefore, may you be faithful and diligent to labor in the Lord’s field that he has placed you in.

## Panhandle Parables

# Brake Lights and Blinkers

By Jeff Procter, Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

It was time for my annual inspection of the old pickup. Of course, all four corners were checked to make sure all lights were functioning properly. To my relief, they were shining their little filaments out. I did have an issue with the brake light on the back of the cab, but I hadn’t ever noticed it was out.

I know we live in a small community where you almost don’t need blinkers because everyone already knows where you are going. But let us NOT test that theory, I don’t want Chief Jimenez to knock on my door needing to talk to me about the blinker rebellion I had incited through this article.

Brake lights and blinkers serve as indicators of the intentions of the driver. Other

drivers rely on their proper use. We have all seen the vehicle going down the highway with a blinker left on causing a little anxiety as to whether you should pass or not. Blinkers indicate a change in direction. Posted at the four corners they tell those in front of you and those behind that you plan to make a change in direction. It is reckless of any driver not to use them because others are trusting that you will. Brake lights on the other hand, indicate a reduction in speed or that you are stopped.

Why do we need them? Well for those who use them are concerned on some level about safety in traveling down the road and simply it is the law. You are welcome for the Driver’s Ed lesson.

Now to the point. In our spiritual lives our brake lights and blinkers show up in our faith. They indicate our direction. Sometimes because of good choices they indicate a good direction, but they, by the same token, indicate bad choices as well. It is important to remember that my choices impact others. Others can be enlightened by my journey or devastated. Make good choices because whether you realize it or not others are watching and may even be modeling your walk with the Lord. So, when you see a brake light or a blinker be reminded, your kids may be following your choices, others are watching to see how you handle things in faith. Lead them to the Lord, not to the lost.

# Worship God in your Hour of Need

By Teena Hughs

On December 31st, I finished reading my i worship Daily Devotional Bible. I still wasn’t sure what I wanted to do this year; I thought I was just going to read some books. That lasted until I got sick. When I started feeling better, I realized I missed the peace of reading the Bible every day.

Former Friona residents, Kim Hofferichter and Deirdre Ferguson had a conversation on facebook about The Bible Recap: A One-Year Guide to Reading and Understanding the Entire Bible. Based on their recommendations, I ordered it.

It is a daily study and commentary about the Bible as it is read in chronological order. They primarily use the ESV (English Standard Version) rather than the NIV or NLT. The ESV is a word-for-word translation while the NIV and NLT are phrase-by-phrase translations. The ESV isn’t as easy to read for me, so I use the NLT while I am reading the ESV.

On day four, we got into Job. In Job 1:15, Job’s servants were struck down; in Job 1:16, fire from God fell from Heaven and burned up the sheep and servants; in Job 1:17, the Chaldeans made a raid on Job’s camels and took them and struck down Job’s servants; and in Job 1:18, Job’s sons and daughters were killed by a great wind. What really got me was verse 20: “Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped.”

That is amazing!!! Job had just lost nearly everything, and he “fell on the ground and worshipped” God. How many of us would do that? I think I would have been asking questions like, “What did I do to deserve this?,” “Why is this happening to me?,” “What am I going to do?”

All too often, when we have hardships, we look inward to ourselves rather than looking upwards to God. It is “normal” to look inward rather than upwards to God. In our tough times, we tend to focus on self at first, and then later on we focus on God; at least that is what I usually do.

So, I am working on this idea of worshiping God when I face trials and difficult times. Worshiping God didn’t change Job’s situation or having to deal with his friends. But, worshiping God did acknowledge who Job needed to go to in his hour of need. The Scripture didn’t say exactly how Job worshiped God, but praising God, praying to Him, acknowledging Him in any positive way is taking the focus off of self and putting it on the One who knows all and can help us through any situation. Worship God the next time you face a difficulty and see how much better things go for you.

## Keep Friona Clean Roll-off box to open up for waste items

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# Sports Page



### Varsity Girls Basketball

Friona 24 Littlefield 52  
Record: 2-15  
District: 0-11

### Varsity Boys Basketball

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Rivera (8 pts)

Friona 20 Littlefield 41  
Rejino (5 pts)  
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District 0-11



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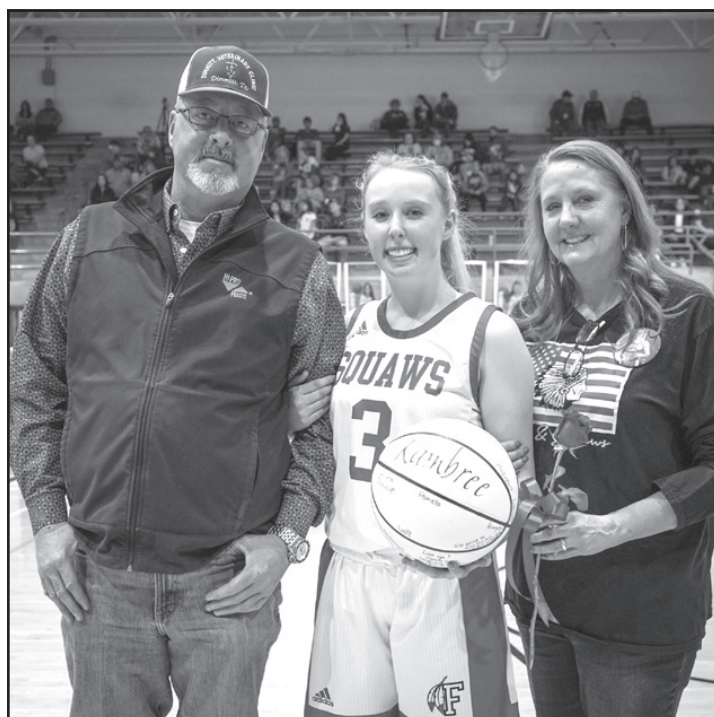
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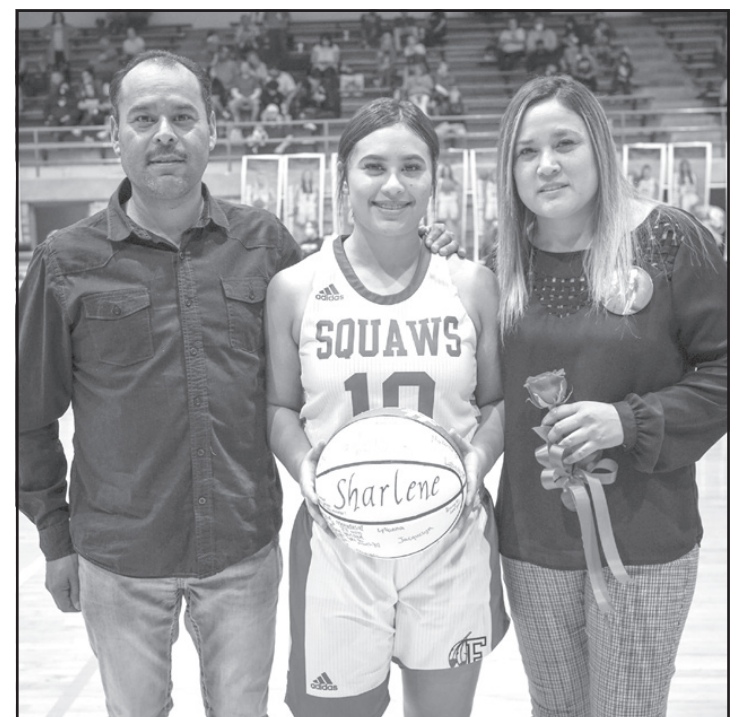
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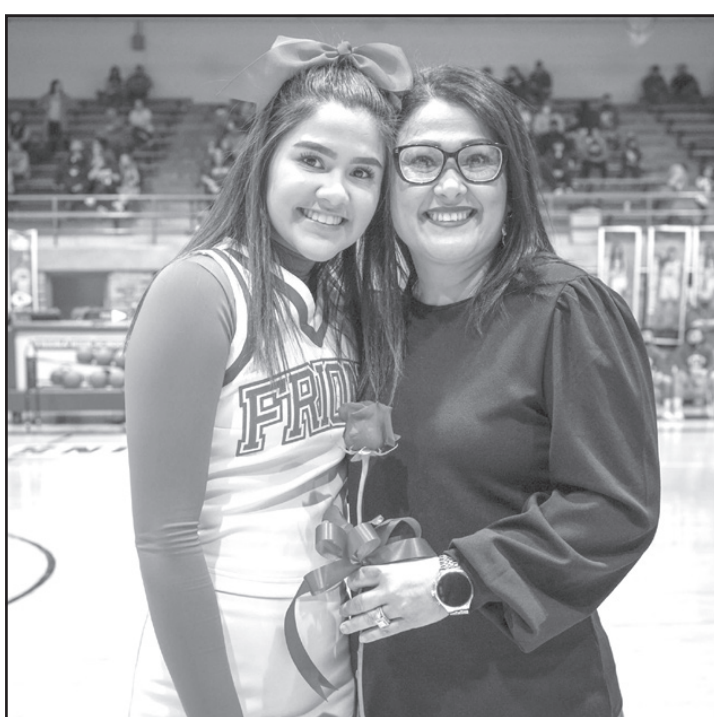
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# State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



It's an honor to take over writing "Capital Highlights" from two capable predecessors, Chris Cobler and Ed Sterling. They are tough acts to follow, but I'll do my best.

Chris has accepted another challenge, so Mike Hodges, executive director of the Texas Press Association, asked if I wanted to take on this task. I echo what Chris wrote in his first piece last July. The need for providing reliable and accurate information is greater than ever, especially as we continue to fight a pandemic that reaches into all corners of Texas and has upended our lives. If there is a Texas topic you think I should cover, please email me at [gborders@texaspress.com](mailto:gborders@texaspress.com).

Capital Highlights appears in more than 100 newspapers across the state. My focus is searching through the activities of state agencies, the Legislature and elsewhere for news that affects the readers of these newspapers. Your input is welcomed and appreciated.

### Vaccine pace picks up slowly

The rate of COVID-19 vaccine administration is slowly increasing in Texas as we enter the second full month of shots going into arms. The Texas Department of State Health Services last weekend reported that about 1.6 million Texans — overwhelmingly front-line health workers, people over 65 or those with chronic health conditions — have received the first dose. Just over 400,000 are fully vaccinated. The state has received 3.16 million doses so far; nearly half remain to be administered. Texas ranks near the bottom in per-capita doses administered when compared to other states, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Defense sent 80 medical military personnel last week to Abilene, Lufkin and Eagle Pass to assist in administering the vaccine in those cities. "The medical per-

sonnel deployed to our communities will provide much-needed support to our front-line health-care workers," Gov. Greg Abbott said in a news release.

The state surpassed two million COVID-19 cases with nearly 36,000 fatalities as January came to a close. A total of 11,473 COVID-19 patients are in Texas hospitals as of Jan. 31, according to TDSHS. Across the state, there are only 753 intensive-care beds available. Even as vaccines are being administered, health officials across the state are urging Texans to wear masks and follow other safety protocols that have been in place since last March.

### Grants available for special needs students affected by COVID-19

Abbott and the Texas Education Agency late last week announced the rollout of a grant program for eligible families of children with "significant cognitive disabilities and complex educational needs." The \$1,500 grants can be used to purchase educational resources and services through the TEA's supplemental special education services program.

A total of \$30 million was allocated, which could provide help for up to 20,000 students. To find out if your child is eligible, email the agency at [ssesinfor@tea.texas.gov](mailto:ssesinfor@tea.texas.gov) or call 855-772-3839.

### Texas Lyceum poll measures impact of the pandemic

The Texas Lyceum, a nonpartisan group of movers and shakers based in Austin, released its annual survey last week. It painted a fairly negative picture of the state's economy as a result of the pandemic and illustrated the widespread impact of the coronavirus on Texans. Responding to the pandemic is the most important issue facing the state, according to 37 percent of respondents. Political corruption and leadership ran a

distant second at 10 percent.

The 2021 poll presented the most negative views of the state's and nation's economies since the Great Recession of 2008. Additionally, four in five respondents said they knew someone who had contracted COVID-19, while half knew someone who had died from it. On the somewhat brighter side, nearly three-fourths were either "very hopeful" or "somewhat hopeful" that the nation would get the pandemic under control in the next six months. But just 45 percent of Texans say they plan to get vaccinated when it becomes available to them.

The complete poll results can be found at [texaslyceum.org](http://texaslyceum.org).

### Score one for the chiropractors

In a decade-long battle between the Texas Medical Association and the group that represents the state's chiropractors, the Texas Supreme Court ruled late last week that the lawful scope of practice for chiropractors includes nerves and related testing as it pertains to the musculoskeletal system. TMA originally sued the Texas Board of Chiropractor Examiners in 2011, arguing that such diagnoses exceeded what chiropractors were licensed to do.

In a split decision, the high court overturned a ruling from the Austin Court of Appeals that had sided with TMA. Matt Webb, attorney for the chiropractic board, said in an email: "Today's decision was not only legally sound but a victory for common sense and patient care. A different outcome could have drastically curtailed access to critical chiropractic care for patients across the State of Texas."

*Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: [gborders@texaspress.com](mailto:gborders@texaspress.com).*

# Gas prices inch upward

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 2.2 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.11 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 18.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 2.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$0.99 while the most expensive is \$2.83 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.9 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.42 per gallon. The national average is up 17.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 5.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"Gas price increases continue to slow down as oil prices fail to continue moving upward, even as gasoline demand continues to show new signs of improving recovery," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "According

to Pay with GasBuddy data, Friday gasoline demand was the highest since November, while Saturday gasoline demand was the strongest of any Saturday since the pandemic began. The rise in gasoline demand has certainly been behind oil's rally in the last few months, as COVID restrictions continue to ease and the economy slowly continues recovery. While the next few weeks may see gas prices rising slightly, the real pinch could come in March and lasting through summer, should demand continue on this path."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

# SNAP benefits extended

Governor Greg Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide approximately \$300 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of February as the state continues its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are grateful for this additional extension of emergency SNAP benefits for the month of February," said Governor Abbott. "We will continue to provide Texas families with the resources they need to put food on the table and provide for their loved ones."

"These emergency food benefits will provide additional support for Texans to purchase nutritious foods for their families during the ongoing pandemic," said Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter.

HHSC received federal approval

from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to extend the maximum, allowable amount of SNAP benefits to recipients based on family size. The emergency February allotments are in addition to the more than \$2 billion in benefits previously provided to Texans since April 2020.

Recipients will also continue to receive a 15 percent increase in their total benefits, which will continue monthly until June 2021. This additional 15 percent increase and the emergency allotment amount should appear in recipients' accounts by Feb. 28.

Administered by HHSC, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1.6 million eligible low-income families and individuals in Texas.

Texans in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at [YourTexasBenefits.com](http://YourTexasBenefits.com) or use the Your Texas Benefits mobile app to manage their benefits.

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## Obituaries



### Thelma Agnes (Mayo) Watkins

Thelma Agnes (Mayo) Watkins of Rio Communities, New Mexico passed away in Albuquerque, New Mexico on January 27, 2021 after a long battle with COPD.

She was born on February 5, 1932 in Santa Cruz, California. Thelma was 88 years old.

She married Kenneth Watkins on November 7, 1952 and lived MANY years in Friona, Texas.

She worked for many years at PCA (Production Credit Association) and also at Friona Industries for a number of years.



She was preceded in death by her Mom and Dad, Susie and William H. Mayo, of Santa Cruz, California; and one brother, Billy Mayo of Santa Cruz, California.

She is survived by her

husband, Kenneth Ray Watkins of Rio Communities, New Mexico; 2 sons, Harry (Butch) Watkins of Los Lunas, New Mexico and John Meyers Pate of Atlanta, Georgia; 2 brothers, Harry Mayo of Santa Cruz, California and "Chet" Mayo of East Falmouth, Massachusetts.

No services are scheduled at this time. She is to be cremated and her ashes will be buried alongside her husband's ashes, upon his passing, in the Santa Fe Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choosing.

### Carol Gilley

Carol Gilley (born Carol Morgan on June 28, 1955) passed peacefully in the company of loved ones on January 28, 2021 after a year's long battle with illnesses. Beloved mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, and friend to many, she will be greatly missed.

Carol grew up in Friona, Texas with parents Bill and Betty Morgan, sister Tonna Broyles, and brother Dennis Morgan. She later married and settled in Azle, Texas where she raised three daughters. Carol is survived by her children, Leslie Butler and spouse Daniel But-



ler, of Lubbock Texas; Jennifer Cobb and spouse Chris Cobb, of Fort Worth, Texas; and Kelsey Ford and spouse Zach Ford of Lubbock, Tex-

as. She was also blessed with (and unconditionally loved by) eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Her grandchildren are Victoria, Christopher, Micah, Rylan, Peyton, Avery, Raegan, and Bax. Great grandchildren are Haygen, Hennessy, and Leeland. Carol was preceded in death by her parents Bill and Betty Morgan.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Sanders Memorial Chapel in Lubbock. Services will be webcast from her tribute page at [www.sandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhome.com).

### Clara E. Trowbridge

Funeral services for Clara E. Trowbridge, 97, a longtime Hereford resident was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2021 at First Methodist Church with the Reverend Robert Zavattieri, a sibling-in-law, and pastor of New Fellowship Baptist Church of Luttrell, Tennessee, officiating, interment will follow at West Park Cemetery under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Directors. Mrs. Trowbridge passed through Heaven's gate on Monday, January 25, 2021.

Clara Elizabeth Rector was born in Chaney, Oklahoma to Foister and Nancy Olive (Griffith) Rector. She attended school in Friona, graduating in 1941 from Friona High School. She was saved at Wesley Methodist Church,



where she had perfect attendance in both Sunday School and Church. Her religion and Church were of the utmost importance in her life and the life of her family. Clara was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and served as secretary for

over twenty-five years. Clara loved to travel and had driven to all forty-eight of the lower United States. She loved to travel, sew, crochet, quilt, read, and work all kinds of puzzles.

Clara is survived by two sons; Willard Murl May of Hereford, and David May and wife Sandy of Amarillo; one daughter Teena Zavattieri and husband Robert of Powder Springs, Tennessee; one brother Floyd Rector of Dallas; seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Trowbridge was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Kenneth, one granddaughter and one grandson and all of her siblings besides Floyd.

## Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk

Super Bowl LV is right around the corner, falling on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021. This year, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is teaming up with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to remind football fans and Super Bowl partygoers that designated drivers are the best defense against the dangers of drunk driving.

When Super Bowl celebrations involve alcohol, plan for a ride home with a sober driver. NHTSA and AgriLife Extension want to remind everyone: Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.

If hosting a Super Bowl LV party, prepare plenty of snacks and non-alcoholic beverages for guests and the designated drivers. Additionally, do not serve alcohol to minors. If an underage person drinks and drives, the person who provided the alcohol can be held liable for any damage, injury, or death caused by the underage driver. In fact, the alcohol contributor can face jail time if they host a party

where alcohol is served to people under 21.

"Everyone wants to have a good time on Super Bowl night, so we want our community folks to plan safe rides home if they plan to be out at a party," said AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health Agent Wendy Case, Parmer County. "Even one drink can impair judgement. You should never put yourself, or others, at risk because you made the choice to drink and drive. Even one drink can be one too many."

When heading out for a night of Super Bowl fun, make a game plan and follow these simple tips for a safe and happy evening:

- Remember: It is never OK to drive drunk. Designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely after drinking.
- Use the community's sober ride program if available.
- If a drunk driver is seen on the road, contact local law enforcement immediately.
- Have a friend who is about to drink and drive?

Take their keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely.

- Try to social distance and wear a mask to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Remember: Choosing to drive drunk may result in legal and financial hardships, diminished reputation, vehicle loss, and even loss of life. Everyone should know by now that it is illegal to drive impaired. Even still, thousands die each year in drunk-driving-related crashes. In 2018, a sobering 10,511 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes. Punishment for being caught drinking and driving will result in jail time, loss of driver's license, loss of vehicle, and pay up to \$10,000 in attorney's fees, fines, car towing, higher insurance rates, and lost wages.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Watch UR BAC program is a free, statewide program to promote alcohol awareness, the dangers of impaired driving, and friends watching out for friends.

## Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Small communities are blessed with larger-than-life personalities. Gail, Texas, recently lost two such people, and the void created will be even greater because Carol and R.D. Lewis were longtime foundations in Borden County.

When I began this column a week ago, I was only going to be writing about Carol. As a Borden County retired teacher, current school board member, and lifelong county resident, Carol was a daily presence in the area. Her death was keenly felt, as a mountain of tributes poured in from former students and many friends.

Four days later, her husband of almost sixty years was reunited with his beloved wife.

The little town of Gail is mourning; their extended community consisting of family, former students, church members, county sheriffs, and a wealth of those who loved them as friends have spent the past week recalling Carol and R.D.'s impact.

The newspaper and website obituaries will include more information and stories and observations. Even though readers in Rotan and Friona who get this weekly column may not know the Lewis family, you have lived among your own giants. Eulogizing Carol and R.D. is my gift to their three adult children. Shelly, Amy, and Shawn will be our reminders of just how much their parents got right.

R.D. came from another small community, Ackerly, where he attended school at Sands High School. He married Carol in Gail in the Church of Christ in 1962; four years later he was 9,000 miles away serving two tours of duty as a U.S. Marine in Vietnam. Upon his safe return stateside and honorable discharge a few years later, he and Carol and their growing family moved to Fluvanna, Texas, to farm. The next few years found R.D. entering the law enforcement arena as a deputy sheriff in Scurry County and then as the Borden County sheriff for three terms. Standing 6'4", R.D. was my stereotype of the long, tall Texan—being a sheriff just completed the image.

R.D. was the perfect foil to his wife. A big man physically, he did not impose himself on others like LBJ enjoyed doing to those with whom he worked. Nope—our county sheriff and neighbor carried his wisdom on his holster and on his tractor. Worshipping with R.D. and a few others on Sunday mornings will be the image, however, that forever comforts. Sitting on the second pew of only a row of eight in the small church, R.D. led us often in thought-

ful words. Without fail, he would petition blessings and guidance for the congregants' children—and name them. Most of our children in the small congregation were already grown, but that precious man prayed for my Julie and Emily just as he would have had they been three and eight years of age. His quiet resolve to lead by example and kindness, as a sheriff and then as a senior citizen of the community, was easy to take for granted. Now that R.D. is gone, his legacy speaks louder than ever.

"Mrs. Lewis" was the quintessential old-school teacher, a Borden County High School graduate herself. After retirement, she ran for school board and became the first woman to ever serve on the BCISD board. She was heard at athletic events, not just seen. She spoke her mind, held her standards high, and expected others to do the same. Her lifelong residency in Borden County qualified her to voice her opinions about school traditions and local history—and she did.

Carol always spoke her mind: to anyone about anything, no matter who they were or thought they were. Being my nauseatingly diplomatic self, I was taken aback by her bluntness at first, bothered next, and then encouraged to find my own voice in my way—which was writing. She reacted, and I processed. But we both knew we had things to say that needed hearing even if people did not like what we had to say or write. That is the greatest lesson she taught me.

We spent many years working together with UIL academic students and laughing at other coaches who inflated their talents instead of the students'. Carol may have been business in the classroom, but she was darn fun on our school trips. While on a field trip with our English students to the Globe Theater in Odessa to see a community theater production of Macbeth, Carol and I behaved worse than the students. We had given them the cursory remember-you-are-representing-your-school speech. But she and I both struggled to muzzle getting tickled while watching a West Texas local play Macbeth. We had to get up and go into the lobby to try and compose ourselves, leaving our students alone with Banquo's ghost.

Carol was a joy to prank, and several times students came to me to participate in pulling her leg. One such moment occurred in Abilene where I feigned sleep, leaving Carol to deal with a student who had supposedly rented an adult movie in her room.

Of course, the student—the quietest, nicest, sweetest kid ever born—did no such thing, but Carol fell for it thanks to some great acting by Becky Copeland and Letty Lozano. I came to Carol's rescue, though, when the Superintendent from Post emerged from his room nearby, in a flying rage telling us to keep in down in the hall because "some of us are trying to get our rest for tomorrow's competition." I did not like his tone with my friend and told him so. And besides, it was only 9 p.m. Neither Carol nor I, who loved to win, forgot that students enjoying the UIL experience was as important as competing.

Carol and I could not have been more different. Think Phyllis Schlafly and Gloria Steinem, Betty Crocker and Erma Bombeck, or Martha and Mary. She sewed, cooked, managed her home front and money and obstacles. I struggled with all. Our teaching styles magnified further differences as Carol was adamant about the challenge while I leaned towards creativity. But as I told her one time when she bemoaned that difference, I reminded her that our students deserved both of us. We made a good team, learning from each other and respecting the strengths the other brought to the classroom.

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In our rural areas, we are all neighbors. We are more than just a name on the obituary page. Our lives intermingle at schools, churches, businesses, ballgames, coffee shops, and—if we are lucky—the supper table. Carol and R.D. did that for me, too, during some hard times. The table was spread with wonderful food and even better company that welcomed me and my girls.

Carol was an avid reader, so my daughters and I are going to donate two books to the Borden County School library in her memory. True to form, I will pick one that reflects her love of fiction (What Momma Left Behind by Cindy K. Sproles) and one that says a bit more about her paving a path for women (The Truths We Hold by Kamala Harris, honoring Carol being the first woman school board member).

I can hear Carol now, "Kamala Harris? Couldn't you have picked someone else?"

And I would say, "No. You both made history for women!"

And Carol would smile, replying, "Well, when you put it that way, thank you!"

Grieve this pandemic. Honor those we have lost by mirroring their best qualities. Carol and R.D. left us with many from which to choose.

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ROBERT LEE NEELLEY

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ROBERT LEE NEELLEY, Deceased, were issued on January 26, 2021, in Cause No. 3243 pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to JANICE CONNIE NEELLEY, as Independent Executor of the estate.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

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DATED January 26, 2021

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Attorneys for the Estate

# 2020 Miss Friona Pageant & Scholarship Program

## Friona, You're My Hero



### Miss Friona Pageant

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9th

Milk House Market

Live feed from Friona Chamber of Commerce Facebook page

Not open to public



Miss Friona Contestants, (l-r) Esperanza Santiago, Emma Schueler, Rebecca Ann Schlenker, Kambree Kimbrough, and Anahi Gonzalez.

## The Show Must Go On!

Organizers of the upcoming Miss Friona Pageant and Scholarship Program, after seeing other pageants cancelled this year, decided the virtual show must go on and will present the event online after three months of workshops and competition.

This year's theme is "Friona, You're My Hero" and will help showcase all the local heroes we have in Friona. Due to the current COVID pandemic, this year's event will have a different format with winners being announced in a virtual platform

beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9th at Milk House Market via a live feed from the Friona Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page. Each contestant will be allowed to invite up to six guests to join them at the event.

The Miss Friona Pageant and Scholarship Program will have tested the contestants' creative and oral presentation skills in three separate categories: (1) constructing an essay on a local hero they admire, (2) completing a community service project and articulating why com-

munity service is important, and (3) completing an online interview with judges.

Each contestant will receive a \$100 scholarship for participating in the program. The Essay winner will receive a \$200 scholarship and the contestant with the best interview will receive a \$200 scholarship. The 3rd Runner-up and 4th Runner-up will each receive \$200 scholarships. The 2nd Runner-up will receive a \$500 scholarship and the 1st Runner-up will receive a \$700 scholarship. The new Miss Friona 2020 will receive a \$1000 scholar-

ship. Scholarship checks are issued at the time of enrollment and made to the college/university of choice.

#### Miss Friona 2019

The reigning Miss Friona is Carly Drake. Carly is the 19-year-old daughter of Wes and Amber Drake. She is studying Mechanical Engineering at West Texas A&M University. Her extracurricular activities include throwing the shot put, discus, and weight & hammer for her university. She has been an amazing representative of Friona and has worn her crown well.

### Anahi Gonzalez



Anahi Seleste Gonzalez is the 17-year-old Junior daughter of Mirna and David Gonzalez. Her interests include piano, sports, reading, learning more about God and helping others in need. She has been involved in FCCLA for 2 years, theatre 3 years, athletics 3 years and UIL 3 years. She has been a member of the National Honors Society for 3 years, Texas Tech Club Corp for 2 months. She volunteers at Snack Pak 4 Kids and The Friona Cemetery. Some of her high school accomplishments include taking several dual credit courses through South Plains College, placing 1st at FCCLA Regionals and advancing to State, beating a personal record at area track to advance to regionals, and being a State alternate in track all while maintaining a 90's and above average. Anahi is sponsored by LoneStar Ag.



### Kambree Kimbrough



Kambree Lanae Kimbrough, is the 17-year-old Senior daughter of Kody and Kim Kimbrough. Her interests include cooking, baking, playing sports (especially volleyball), volunteering at the local dog center and hiking with her sister. She has been active in volleyball 4 years, basketball 4 years, golf 3 years, theater 2 years, and band 2 years. She is also an FFA officer of 4 years, FFA president 2 years, and has participated in dairy and livestock CDE judging 4 years and LDE events 4 years. She is involved with the Methodist Church youth group and has helped with Kids Building Camp for 3 years. Some of her accomplishments thus far include All A's Honor Roll, Dairy Honors Certification, National Honors Society, 1st Team All District Volleyball Player, 1st Team Academic All State Volleyball Player, Current FFA President, State Dairy Judging Team and Student Council Officer. She plans to achieve a master's degree in accounting after graduation. Kambree is sponsored by Hi-Pro Feeds.



### Esperanza Santiago



Esperanza Izela Santiago is the 17-year-old Junior daughter of Efrain and Griselda Santiago. Her interests include drawing, painting, crafting, cross-stitching, and most of all, spending time with family and friends. During her high school years, she has been involved in cross-country, band, and choir. She was the co-captain for the Color Guard this year. She has volunteered with her church, St. Teresa's Catholic Church, helping with Vacation Bible School. She has achieved all A's and B's in her academic studies. After graduation her plans are to attend college to become a pediatric oncologist. Esperanza is sponsored by H & R Block.



### Rebecca Schlenker



Rebecca Schlenker, is the 18-year-old daughter of Karen and Dusty Hansard and John Schlenker. Her interest include art, baking, writing and video games. She has been active in track for 4 years, art 4 years, varsity cheerleader 2 years and theatre 2 years. She enjoys volunteering at her church, Victory Family Worship Center and is involved in the 4:12 youth group. She has been able to be a part of their Coats for Kids outreach, Back to School Give-away, and helped with Convoy of Hope's food box outreach. Some of her accomplishments include 90 and above for 3 years, 2019 Triple Jump District Champion, State qualifier in 1600M Relay, and she was name Amarillo Globe News' Athlete of the Week. After graduation she plans to major in coaching and business. Rebecca is sponsored by Hansard Family Funeral Home.



### Emma Schueler



Emma Grace Schueler, is the 16-year-old, Sophomore daughter of Wade and Candice Schueler. Her interests are working with show animals, driving the tractor, playing volleyball and spending time with family. She has been active in FFA chapter for 2 years, FFA officer 1 year and Varsity Volleyball 2 years. She enjoys volunteering at First Baptist Church, her church of 16 years. She was also part of a voluntary clean-up effort around Reeve Lake and the Parmer County Memorial Park Cemetery with 4-H. She has been heavily involved in 4-H for 7 years, FFA 7 years, and student council 3 years. She accomplished All A Honor Roll her freshman year and All A/B Honor Roll her sophomore year. Emma is sponsored by West Texas Storage.



# Dairy demand for wheatlage increasing amid drought conditions

By Kay Ledbetter

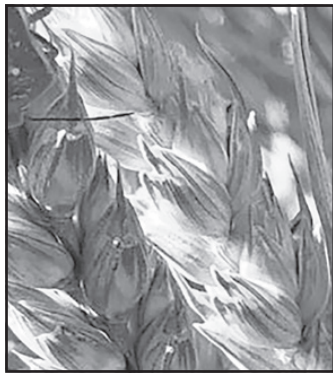
An increasing demand for wheatlage contracts by dairies for ensilage is causing a dilemma for High Plains producers.

Drought conditions in the southwest Panhandle are creating a potential forage deficit in the region, and this is driving up the demand and price for forage silage, said Jourdan Bell, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist, Amarillo.

This could mean fewer producers will be taking their wheat crop to grain harvest, opting instead to cash in on diverse forage options for livestock producers, including

wheatlage.

Wheatlage is the process of cutting and ensiling wheat as a silage crop to preserve for-



wheat at the soft dough stage

age quality, Bell said, and is one of the cheapest forages to produce. Wheatlage is generally chopped when wheat is at the soft dough stage and forage moisture is favorable for fermentation.

Because wheatlage provides an opportunity for producers to harvest earlier and possibly go back with a second crop or even a summer silage such as corn or forage sorghum, if they have the well capacity, there are more people looking at it as an alternative to straight grazing or grain, said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for



Green-chopped wheat being directly loaded into a truck. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Rick Auckerman)

Deaf Smith County. Wheatlage is typically harvested in April, whereas the wheat going to grain is harvested in June.

Auckerman said a producer planning to contract wheatlage will typically plant higher seed populations and plan for potentially more irrigation in drier years.

"We know there are contracts out there for our producers, but we are cautioning producers to investigate before committing, as the terms may not be favorable," he said.

Wheatlage contract concerns The number of dairies has gone up, and there is a greater demand to contract silage, Auckerman said. If the dairies don't get wheatlage contracts, they'll have to look to more expensive corn and sorghum silage to make up the difference.

A major concern is the harvest timing, Bell said. The contracts are requesting the wheat silage be chopped at the boot stage, not the typical soft dough stage, and dried to 62% moisture, which is not advantageous for the farmer.

Green chop wheat is generally cut at the boot stage, when the head is still enclosed in the flag leaf sheath, and the moisture content at this stage is approximately 80%, she said. It is either fed directly or wilted in the field prior to ensiling. This earlier maturity stage optimizes forage quality because crude protein and digestibility are greater.

"After studies over the past several years, we know quality is impacted by environmental conditions, specifically water stress," Bell said. "And our results confirm that the nutritive value at boot is greater than the

nutritive value at soft-dough."

Therefore, harvesting at boot is desired by the dairy to access the higher crude protein and get a lower acid detergent fiber, ADF, she said. ADF is a measure of the lignin and cellulose, which are the least digestible component of forages.

"This is advantageous for the dairy, but not the forage producer," Bell said.

Auckerman explained that the producer would be losing a lot of money, because based on tonnage, the dairies are not offering more money to reflect the higher quality of the forage. Instead of direct chopping into the truck, as it is typically done in this region, the dairies want the green chopped wheat laid down on the field to dry down from 80% to 60% moisture before moving it.

"That's an added expense and operation for the producer," he said. "A happy medium as far as quality issues and tonnage would be to harvest at soft dough."

Essentially, Bell said, the dairies are securing a premium forage without compensating the farmer for lost yield. If the contract is paid on delivered weight, the farmer is losing an additional 20% due to forage dry down.

"Our research in Dallam County has shown that forage production at boot is only about 50% of the production at soft-dough," said Mike Bragg, AgriLife Extension agriculture and nature resources agent for Dallam and Hartley counties. Bragg participated in the forage trials with Bell the past two years. "At soft dough, the early grain development as well as added biomass contributes to

higher yields, although quality is reduced."

## Ensilage concerns

Bell said the dairies are looking for forage at about 65% moisture because it can be ensiled. The ideal moisture content for silage varies depending on the ensiling method. In the Texas High Plains, most silage is in drive-over piles. If moisture content is greater than 65%, the dry matter is low. High moisture/low dry matter silage does not ensile properly, and clostridia and butyric acid can form in the silage. Additionally, seepage losses can be an issue in the High Plains' drive-over silage piles.

"Poor quality silage results in nutrient losses from the silage as well as reduced intake from the herd," she said. "Conversely, we do not want the silage too dry. If the silage is less than 60% moisture, the dry matter is high. Long, dry material is difficult to compact and traps oxygen, which also results in fermentation losses."

So, when harvesting at boot, the solution is either to directly feed as green chop because the moisture content is too high to ensile or dry the forage in the field until the moisture content is ideal for ensiling.

"While forage contracts are very important for Texas High Plains producers, we advise producers to consider negotiating a price that accounts for the forage nutritive value in addition to harvest stage and moisture," Bell said. "Farmers should ensure they are fairly compensated."

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## Small Town Cookin'

By Jeri Lynn White

### Nutella

February 7 is World Nutella Day so let's celebrate with some delicious Nutella recipes. For those of you who are not familiar with Nutella, it is a creamy hazelnut and chocolate flavored spread with a consistency like peanut butter. It was invented shortly after World War II in Italy when cocoa was in short supply. The developer, Pietro Ferrero, made the sweet paste from hazelnuts, sugar, and a little cocoa. Originally, it was formed into a loaf that could be sliced and spread on bread. It was named

Gianbdujot after a carnival character. By 1951, the loaf was turned into an easier to spread product named Supercrema. Finally, in 1964, the product we know today as Nutella was created. Soon Nutella would spread outside of Italy. In 1965, it was launched in Germany and in France in 1966. Then it made its way to Australia in 1978, but it didn't hit the American market until around 1983. Its popularity has continued to grow and now has a cult following in the United States.

### Nutella Cinnamon Sugar Pull-Apart Bread

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#### Ingredients for dough:

2¾ cups all-purpose flour, plus more as needed  
¼ cup granulated sugar  
2¼ teaspoons instant yeast  
½ teaspoon salt  
4 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/3 cup whole milk  
¼ cup water  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 large eggs, at room temperature

#### Ingredients for the filling:

4 tablespoons unsalted butter  
½ cup Nutella  
½ cup sugar  
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
¼ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

#### Directions:

To make the dough, combine the flour, sugar, yeast, and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a dough hook. Combine the butter and milk in a small saucepan and heat just until the butter is melted. Set aside and let cool for a couple minutes, or until the mixture registers 115-125° F. Add the milk mixture, water, vanilla, and eggs to the mixer bowl. Mix on low speed until a cohesive dough forms. Continue to knead until smooth and elastic, about 3-5 minutes (mine took a bit longer), adding additional flour as needed 1 tablespoon at a time. Dough should clear the sides of the bowl, not stick to the bottom, and be tacky, but not sticky. Transfer the dough to a lightly oiled bowl, turning once to coat. Cover with plastic wrap. Let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. (After the dough has doubled, it can be

wrapped in plastic wrap and refrigerated overnight. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes before proceeding.) While the dough rises, place the Nutella in a small bowl. Add the butter to a small saucepan and melt until browned. Immediately pour the butter over the Nutella and stir together until well-combined. Yeah, you just combined brown butter and Nutella. Combine the sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg in a small bowl and mix well. Transfer the risen dough to a lightly floured work surface and gently deflate. Roll into a ball, cover with a clean towel, and let rest for 5 minutes. Roll the dough out into an approximately 12 x 20-inch rectangle. Spread the Nutella/butter mixture onto the dough. Sprinkle the cinnamon-sugar mixture over the dough in an even layer. (Use all of it! Yeah, I'm talking to you.) Cut the dough vertically into 6 even strips. (Hopefully you're better at scoring than I am...). Stack the strips on top of each other and cut into 6 equal slices, thus creating six stacks of squares. Stack all the squares on top of each other and set into the prepared loaf pan. Cover loosely with a kitchen towel and let rise in a warm place, 30-45 minutes, or until almost doubled in size. Pre-heat the oven to 350°F. Transfer the loaf to the oven and bake 30-35 minutes, until the top is very golden brown. The top may appear lightly browned and cooked, but the center may still be raw. A nice, dark golden brown will ensure that the center is cooked as well. Remove from the oven and let rest in the pan 20-30 minutes. Run a knife around the edges of the pan to loosen and carefully turn the loaf out, transferring to a serving plate. Serve warm with additional Nutella and/or some powdered sugar, if desired.

### Nutella Swirl Cheesecake Bars

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#### Ingredients

**Crust**  
10 full-sheet graham crackers (or 1.5 cups graham cracker crumbs)  
6 Tablespoons (90 grams) unsalted butter, melted  
1/3 cup (67 grams) granulated sugar  
**Filling**  
16 ounces cream cheese (2 standard packages or 450g), softened to room temperature  
1 large egg  
1/4 cup (50g) granulated sugar  
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract  
1/3 cup (100g) Nutella, slightly warmed\*

#### Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Line a 8x8 baking pan with aluminum foil with enough overhang on the sides. Set aside. Make the crust: Using a food processor or blender, pulverize the graham crackers into a fine crumb. Pour into a medium bowl and mix with melted butter and sugar. Press into the lined pan. Bake for 5 minutes. Allow to cool as you prepare the filling. Make the filling: Beat cream

cheese, egg, sugar, and vanilla extract together with a hand or stand mixer until smooth and creamy, about 3 full minutes. Spoon filling onto the crust. Drop large spoonfuls of Nutella on top of filling and swirl gently with a knife. Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until the cheesecake has set up and the edges are lightly browned. The bars will be very puffy but will sink slightly down as they cool. Allow to cool for 30 minutes at room temperature on a wire rack and then chill in the refrigerator for at least three hours. Lift the foil out of the pan and cut into squares. Store bars in a covered container for up to 5 days in the refrigerator.

#### Notes

1. Nutella: To make the Nutella easy to swirl, you may do 1 of two things. (1) Simply measure 1/3 cup of it into a small bowl and microwave for about 15 seconds. (2) Alternatively, you may sit the entire Nutella container into a large bowl of warm water for about 15 minutes.

2. Double Batch: Recipe can easily be doubled and baked in a 9x13-inch pan, baking time will vary - about 45-55 minutes.

**AGENCY:** USDA Rural Development (RD)

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA)

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that RD, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an EA in connection with possible impacts related to the project proposed Del Rio Dairy, of Friona, Texas. The proposal is for construction of an anaerobic digestion facility in Parmer County.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** To obtain copies of the EA, or for further information, contact: Terry Czerwien, State Environmental Coordinator, 101 South Main Street, Temple, Texas 76501, at 254-742-9789 or terry.czerwien@tx.usda.gov. The EA is also available for public review at Amarillo Area Office, 6565 Amarillo Boulevard West, Suite C, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Del Rio Dairy proposes to construct an anaerobic digestion renewable energy facility to convert cow manure to biogas, on approximately 22 acres of land south of Friona.

Analytical Environmental Services, an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RBS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects.

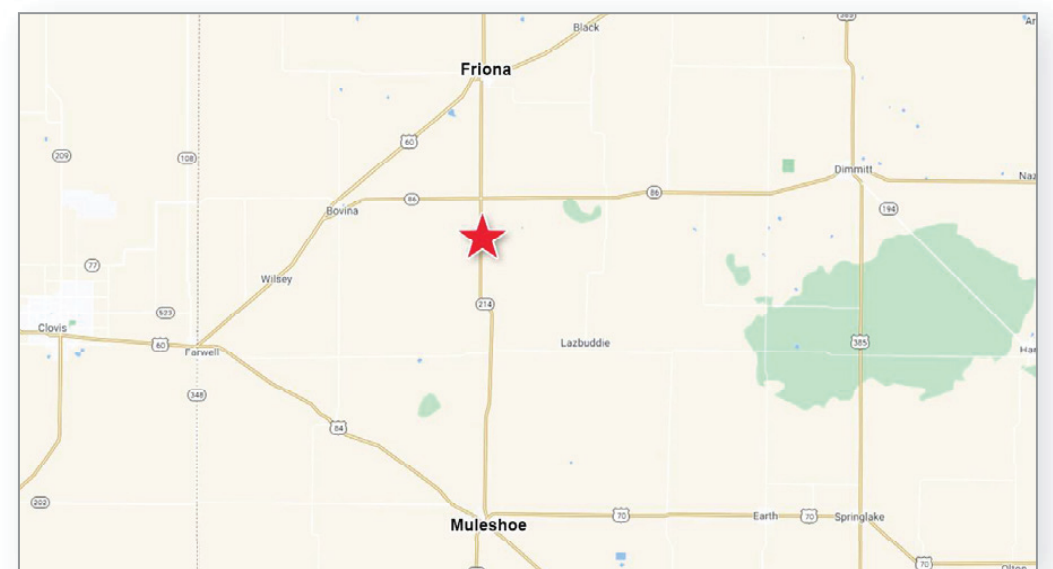
RD has conducted an independent evaluation of the EA and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RD at the address provided. RD will accept questions and comments on the EA for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RD related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

Dated: January 27, 2021.



Notice to Parents,  
Grandparents,  
Husbands, Wives  
and Sweethearts

It's  
Bragging  
Time

The Annual Friona Star Valentine's Issue will be published Feb 11th. It's your opportunity to show off those kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and sweethearts. Deadline for photos is 5 p.m. Tue. Feb 9. Cost: Small - \$10 • Medium - \$15 • Large - \$20 Photos may include names of parents and/or grandparents. For more information call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net Bring photos by the Friona Star office Mon-Wed 10am to 5pm

***"I Still Do"***  
***Valentine Date Night***

*You and your spouse are invited to a romantic Valentine's Date Night. Cost per couple is \$30, and covers a delicious meal at a table for two, great entertainment, a photo of you and your spouse, on-site childcare, and biblical encouragement for your marriage. This is open to married couples of any age, but get your ticket soon, as space is limited. Tickets available from the FBC Church office, 806-250-3933 or from Ivy Cottage.*

*fbcfriena.com*

***6pm-8pm, Sunday, Feb 14 @ First Baptist Church Friena***

**Texas economy ranked 9th largest in world**

Texas entered 2021 as the world's ninth largest economy, according to the Texas Economic Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization in partnership with the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism.

Since 2015, Texas has been recognized as the world's 10th largest economy — ahead of Canada and South Korea and behind Brazil. Texas' economy overtook Brazil's to become the ninth largest economy in the world, according to 2019 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The U.S. had a GDP of \$21.4 trillion as of 2019, making it the world's largest economy, followed by China, Japan, and Germany, according to the IMF. Texas had a GDP of \$1.9



trillion. Italy, with a GDP of \$2 trillion, is in eighth place, and Brazil, with a GDP of \$1.8 trillion, is 10th, according to the IMF ranking of global economies.

Texas is ranked first in the nation for its growth prospects that are supported by

strong employment and income growth forecasts for the next five years, stated a recent Forbes report.

Source: Texas Government Insider, a Strategic Partnerships, Inc. publication. Visit [www.spartnerships.com](http://www.spartnerships.com) for more information.

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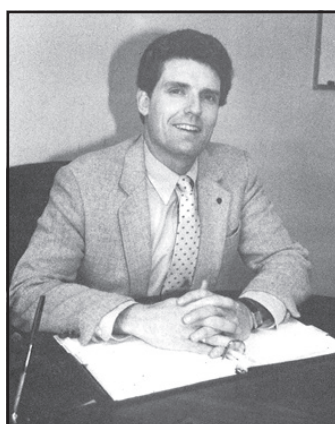
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Homer, Irma Elena Armendariz, Dana Campbell



Homer, Dana Campbell, Lucinda Stokes - 1995



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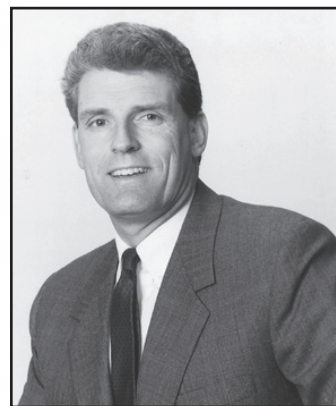
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Patty & Homer Haile

**Thank you for 35 years!!!**

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